(c) The prices of petroleum products including naphtha, in the international market are highly volatile and subject to frequent changes from time to time.

The average export price of Naphtha for exports undertaken by IOC during last 3 years were US $134.067MT, US S149.50/MT and US S152.87/MT respectively.

During tne last three years, the domestic prices of Naphtha (Ex-Storage Point exclusive of excise durty) have been as under:—

(Rs./MT)

Year	Fertilizer Use	Others
1993-94	3722.78 -	6075.69 -
1994-95	do-	-do-
1995-96	-do-	-do-

(d) Naphtha linkages approved by the Government for the existing naphtha based industries are being met on demand from indigenous sources. The quantities of Naphtha allocated for the existing and prospective user industries during 1993-94 to 1996-97 are given below:—

	(Figures in TMTPA)
1993-94	1174.2
1994-95	3074.8
1995-96	3505.7
1996-97	831.3

It has also been committed to provide allocation of Naphtha for 12000 MW of power generation.

Production Cost of Naphtha

1988. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the production cost of Naphtha in the country during the last three years;

(b) at what prices, net of taxes/levies Naphtha was sold to fertilizer units petrochemical sector and other users, during the same period;

(c) what has been the per unit landed price of imported Naphtha during the same period; and

(d) what has been the per unit export realisation (F.O.B.) of export of Naphtha during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) The cost of production of Naphtha would vary from refinery to refinery depending on the level of crude thruput, pattern of production, delivered cost of crude oil, the cost of processing/ refining and the return on capital employed etc. The estimated cost of production on weighted average basis exclusive of cost of marketing margin and Excise duty during the last 3 years is given below:

	Rs./MT
1993-94	5844
1994-95	5918
1995-96	6012

(b) The ex-sotrage point prices (exclusive of Excise duty) of Naphtha during the years 1993-94 to 1995-96 for Fertiliser use Rs. 3,722.78/MT and for non-fertiliser use was Rs. 6075.69/MT.

(c) and (d) Naphtha was not imported by the Public sector oil companies during the last three years. The average FOB prices realised on export of Naphtha during the last three years is given below:

Year	$/MT	Rs./MT
193-94	134.20	4203.08
1994-95	149.68	4695.36
1995-96	147.84	4915.88